

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during his long sojourn on this most precious earth; and

Whereas, Ray C. Flowers of Cabool, Missouri, will commemorate the truly resplendent occasion of his One Hundred First Birthday with a special celebration on September 3, 2005, at Bado Church; and

Whereas, on September 3, 1904, in Gas City, Kansas, God brought a special gift to Ed and Ollie Flowers with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Ray, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, while celebrating his birthday, Ray Flowers will have the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in his life such as his seventy-two-year marriage to Erma Thomas Flowers and the births of their offspring; and

Whereas, God has blessed Ray Flowers with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include three sons and their wives, Raymond and Clara Flowers, Gerald and Bonnie Flowers, and Terry and Beverly Flowers; seven grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, Ray Flowers provided a comfortable home and secure future for his loved ones through his successful forty-six-year endeavors as a Star Mail carrier and farmer; and

Whereas, Ray Flowers has enjoyed many hobbies and pastimes over the past century, a few of which include fishing, spending time at the lake, and maintaining the same farm he has lived on for more than seventy-five years; and

Whereas, at the respectable age of 101, Ray Flowers is extremely grateful for the countless blessings he has received throughout the course of his long and eventful life:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and very special birthday greetings to Ray Flowers at this most significant milestone and in wishing him peace and contentment as he continues to enjoy his golden years; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Ray C. Flowers, as a measure of our tremendous esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative Don Wells
District No. 147

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 4175, adopted August 15, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker